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Re: Continuation of Application No. 09/777,716

Applicant(s): Jan Otto SOLEM

Title: A GRAFT CONNECTOR, AN INTRODUCER THEREFOR AND A METHOD OF
MAKING A BRANCH CONNECTION

Att'y's Docket: SOLEM =9A

Sir:

Attached herewith is the above-identified continuation application for Letters Patent including:

- ☒ Specification (24 pages), claims (9 pages) and abstract (1 page)
- ☒ 6 Sheets Drawings (Figures 1-10)
☒ Formal ☐ Informal
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 page(s))
☐ Newly executed ☒ Copy from prior application no.09/777,716
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
☐ Computer-readable Sequence Listing
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (ADS)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with ___ references
- ☐ Small entity status is claimed.
- ☒ Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$ 1558.00 , to cover the filing fee calculated as follows (including any preliminary amendment for entry prior to calculation of the filing fee):

CLAIMS AS FILED				
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE \$ 750.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	40-20	= 20	x 18	360.00--
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5- 3	= 2	x 84	168.00--
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<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of 1/2 for Small Entity				
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- ☐ Any additional fee required by the filing of an enclosed preliminary or supplemental preliminary amendment (for entry after calculation of the filing fee) has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☐ Other Fees: _____
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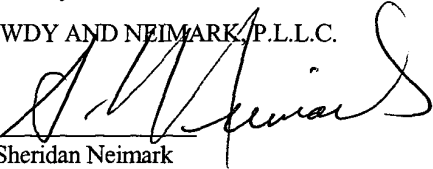
The following statements are applicable:

- ☒ The benefit under 35 USC §119 is claimed of the filing date of:
Application No. 9902991-0 in Sweden on August 25, 1999. A certified copy of said priority document was filed in the parent application 09/777,716 on May 15, 2001.
Application No. 9601884-1 in Sweden on May 17, 1996. A certified copy of said priority document was transmitted from the International Bureau to filed in the grandparent application 09/777,716, since said grandparent case is a national phase of a PCT application PCT/SE97/00804, filed May 16, 1996.
- ☒ The present application is a Continuation of prior Application No. 09/777,716.
- ☒ Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2), please delete as inventor(s) the name(s) of _____, who is/are not inventor(s) in the present divisional application.
- ☒ The prior application was/will be assigned to: Jomed N.V.
c/o Houthoff Buruma Attn: Trustees P.O. Box 75505, 1070 AM Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- ☐ Amend the specification by amending the first paragraph as follows:
--This is a continuation of copending parent application Serial No _____.--
- ☒ Certain documents were previously cited or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the following prior application 09/777,716, which is relied upon under 35 USC §120. Applicants identify these documents by attaching hereto a form PTO/SB/08A listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d). Per Section 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.
- ☒ Document AL is the great grandparent application.
- ☒ As in the parent application 09/777,716, please associate the present application with **Customer No. 001444** and recognize only the practitioners associated therewith.

- ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status is enclosed in progenitor application no. , filed . Status is still proper and desired.
- ☐ The undersigned attorney of record hereby revokes the powers of attorney of:
- ☐ The undersigned attorney of record hereby appoints associate power of attorney, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith to:
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-4035:
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR §1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees, based on any paper filed during the pendency of this application or any CPA thereof, to effect any amendment, petition, or other action requested in said paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-4035:
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
- ☐ The issue fee set in 37 CFR §1.18 at or before mailing the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.311(b).
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ If a paper is untimely filed in this or any CPA thereof by Applicant(s), the Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR. §1.136(a) for the minimum extension of time required to make said paper timely. In the event a petition for extension of time is made under the provisions of this paragraph, the Commissioner is hereby requested to charge any fee required under 37 CFR §1.17 to Deposit Account 02-4035.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment of fees accompanying this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-4035.

Respectfully submitted,

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